CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A system to receive encoded and scrambled data signals and process thesignals in order to convert them to output stimuli that can be understood by a user of the system, the system comprising:

a data signal decoder for decompressing the data ~~signals,~~ signals;

an output device for generating the output stimuli on the basis of output signals from the ~~decoder,~~ decoder;

descrambling means for descrambling the data signals, said descrambling means being ~~intended to be~~ activated by an enabling signal~~,~~; and

enabling means~~, which are intended to receive~~ for receiving protected information from a transmitter transmitting the data signals~~, and to supply~~ and supplying the enabling signal following the reception of said protective information,

wherein the descrambling means execute a conditional access software program for controlling the descrambling of said data signals, said software program being ~~intended to be~~ transported to the descrambling means by the enabling signal.

2. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the descrambling means are included in the decoder.

3. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the enabling means are included in the decoder.

4. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the decoder is included in the output device.

5. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 2, wherein the decoder includes an interface to enable data to be exchanged with peripheral equipment, and wherein the conditional access software program is intended to be transferred from the enabling means to the descrambling means via the interface by the enabling signal.

6. (currently amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the enabling means comprise a memory for storing the protected information including said conditional access software program for controlling the descrambling.

7. (Currently Amended) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the enabling means include a detachable memory medium reader, the protected information being intended to be stored in a memory of the medium.

8. (Previously Presented) A system as claimed in claim 7, wherein the detachable memory medium is a chip card.

9. (Original) A system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the enabling means are provided with a modem enabling a real-time data exchange between the system and a transmitter of data signals.

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10. (Currently Amended) A method of descrambling and decompressing data signals within a system ~~intended to convert~~ for converting said signals into output stimuli that can be understood by a user of the system, the method comprising transferring a conditional access software program, from enabling means ~~intended to receive~~ for receiving protected information from a transmitter of data signals, to descrambling means comprising hardware for executing said software program.